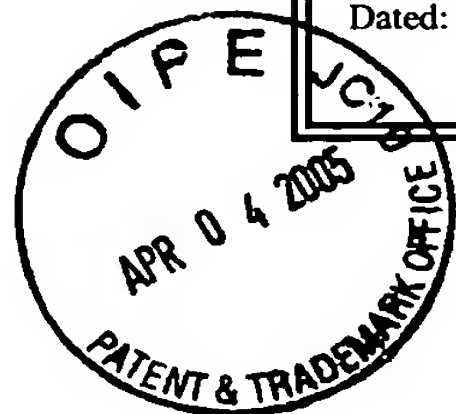


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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 6, 2004. A separate request for the appropriate extension of time and fee are being filed herewith.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin at page 3 of this communication.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 5 of this communication.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 7 of this communication.